

In response to your request for comments on the "opt-in" vs "opt-out" issue I would like to offer my views as a consumer and user for several years.

I regularly receive a disgusting amount of unsolicited commercial email at a number of addresses, at least one of which has never been used to send or post ...

Most of these unsolicited emails are for dubious pyramid/get-rich quick, scrub your credit history, visit our adult site, etc. nature. Adopting an opt-out policy for such trash potentially exposes many children to this filth.

Opt-out also causes both my ISP and I to spend money to receive and process the spam. While I respect a persons first amendment rights to express themselves, they do not have a right to force me to spend money to "listen" to their speech. The mute button on the TV remote is not unconstitutional. I don't pay to listen to marketing calls on my cell phone, why should I be subjected to the equivalent on the Internet?

Opt-in lets me exercise my right to choose how to spend my resources [kind of like the President's tax cut?].

If you insist on letting industry have their way and allow opt-out, at least create a mandatory screening list at the national level (so I only have to register once) and make it easy for a domain name holder, such as myself, or a corporation that doesn't want employees wasting company resources (time) with "spam" to register the entire domain with one entry.

Thank you for your attention.

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